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Q: TOM, COULD WE TRY TO GO DOWN THE VANCE TRIP AS IT NOW

STANDS? IS HE LEAVING THURSDAY AND IS HE GOING TO ARUSHA? IF THE ANSWER IS NO TO BOTH, TELL US WHY THERE IS A CHANGE?

A: THE ANSWER IS NO TO BOTH.

Q: WHY?

A: ON BACKGROUND, HE IS LEAVING WEDNESDAY AT 7:00 P.M. NOW, I'M ON THE RECORD. HE IS GOING TO DAR ES SALAAM.

Q: WHY IS HE GOING TO DAR ES SALAAM AND NOT TO ARUSHA?

A: I DON'T HAVE ANY INFORMATION ON WHY THE LOCATION OF THE MEETING WAS CHANGED.

Q: WHO WILL BE IN DAR ES SALAAM TO TALK TO THE SECRETARY, WHEN WILL HE ARRIVE THERE AND WHEN WILL HE HOLD HIS TALKS?

A: HE AND SECRETARY OWEN WILL MEET, OR EXPECT TO MEET WITH LEADERS OF THE PATRIOTIC FRONT AND THE FOREIGN UNCLASSIFIED

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MINISTERS OF THE FRONT LINE STATES ON APRIL 15TH.

Q: THE TWO LEADERS OF THE PATRIOTIC FRONT AND ALL FIVE FRONT LINES STATES' LEADERS? INCLUDING ANGOLA?

A: THAT IS MY UNDERSTANDING. IF THAT IS DIFFERENT, I WILL POST SOMETHING DIFFERENT ON IT THIS AFTERNOON.

Q: ALL RIGHT, BECAUSE SOMETIMES THESE MEETINGS DON'T DEVELOP, AS WE HAVE LEARNED.
ALL RIGHT. KNOMO AND MUGABE HAVE TOLD THE UNITED STATES THEY WILL MEET WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE IN DAR ES SALAAM?

A: THAT IS MY UNDERSTANDING, YES.

Q: WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THIS MEETING, AS IT IS TODAY?

A: IT'S TO DISCUSS WITH THEM WHERE WE GO FROM HERE ON THE WHOLE RHODESIA QUESTION.

Q: IS THIS AN ATTEMPT TO SET UP AN ALL-PARTIES CONFERENCE?

A: IT IS A FOLLOW-ON TO THE MALTA MEETING, AND IT IS, AS WE HAVE NOTED IN THE PAST, WE THINK IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR ALL OF THOSE CONCERNED TO SIT DOWN AND TALK ABOUT WHERE WE GO FROM HERE, AND YES, IT IS PART OF THAT PROCESS.

Q: WHERE DOES HE GO FROM THERE AND WHAT IS HE DOING?

A: I'M NOT SURE EXACTLY WHERE HE IS GOING FROM THERE.

Q: HASN'T RHODESIA SAID, "WE DON'T WANT YOU"?

A: I DO NOT HAVE A TIME FRAME FOR HOW LONG HE WILL STAY
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IN DAR ES SALAAM, AND I WOULD POINT OUT TODAY THAT AMBASSADOR LOW AND MR. GRAHAM FROM THE BRITISH FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE ARE IN SALISBURY MEETING WITH THE INTERNAL LEADERS, AND I CAN'T COMMENT ON SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS UNTIL THEY HAVE REPORTED ON THEIR TALKS, SO I AM NOT IN A POSITION TO COMMENT ON WHERE, WHEN, OR WHETHER THERE MIGHT BE A MEETING WITH THE INTERNAL LEADERS. WE JUST DON'T HAVE THAT PINNED DOWN YET.

Q: I UNDERSTAND THAT, TOM, BUT WE CAN EXCLUDE, OR CAN'T WE, THAT THEY WILL NOT BE IN DAR ES SALAAM?

A: I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING ON THAT. NO. I THINK THE PURPOSE OF THE DAR ES SALAAM MEETING IS THE PATRIOTIC FRONT PLUS THE FRONT LINE STATES, PLUS OWEN AND VANCE.

Q: DIDN'T THE SECRETARY EXPECT TO GO TO RHODESIA FROM ARUSHA, INITIALLY?

A: I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE SECRETARY'S PRECISE EXPECTATION WAS. WE ARE MEETING TODAY IN SALISBURY, DISCUSSING WITH THE INTERNAL LEADERS WHERE WE GO FROM HERE.

Q: YOU MEAN PHYSICALLY AS WELL AS PLANNING FOR AN ALL-PARTIES CONFERENCE OR WHATEVER ELSE? THE SECRETARY'S TRAVEL PLANS ALSO DEPEND ON THIS MEETING?

A: YES.

Q: IS HE STILL PLANNING TO GO TO LONDON --

A: YES.

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Q: HE IS LEAVING ON THE NIGHT OF THE 12TH, PRESUMABLY
ARRIVING ON THE 13TH. WHAT IS HE DOING ON THE 13TH AND 14TH
IF THIS MEETING DOESN'T TAKE PLACE UNTIL THE 15TH?

A: I'M NOT SURE, BARRY, BUT THAT'S A VERY LONG FLIGHT.
IT COULD BE THAT HE IS JUST RESTING.

Q:AREWE GOING TO OVERNIGHT SOMEWHERE ON THE WAY?

A: I DON'T KNOW. I'LL CHECK THAT FOR YOU.
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